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DUTCH GOVERNMENT STATEMENT

REF THE HAGUE 1969

FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF DUTCH TEXT
OF PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY TRANSPORT MINISTRY APRIL 10:

QUOTE: THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORT AND WATERWAYS, MRS. N.
SMIT-KROES, HAS WITHHELD APPROVAL OF THE LATEST TARIFF PRO-
POSALS BY PK AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS AND KLM ON THE TRANS-
ATLANTIC ROUTE, IN THE FORM IN WHICH THEY HAVE NOW BEEN SUB-
MITTED.

QUOTE: THE SWTE SECRETARY PREFERS TO LOOK MORE CLOSELY INTO
THESE TARIFF PROPOSALS IN THEIR INTERCONNECTION, NOTABLY AS
REGARDS THE VARIOUS CONVERSION RAZS AND DIFFERENT FARE
CONDITIONS.

QUOTE: ACCOUNT MUST ALSO BE TAKEN OF THE POSITION OF THE
CHARTER COMPANIES WHICH IS GIVING RIS TO SOME CONCERN.
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THESE COMPANIES, WHICH HAVE STIMULATED LOW-PRICED FLIGHTS,
STILL PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN THIS.

QUOTE: THESTATE SECRETARY'S EFFORTS ARE AIMED AT GIVING
FULL PLAY TO THE NEW POSSIBILITIES TO APPLY LOW FARES ON THE
NORTH ATLANTIC ROUTE. SOME TIME AGO APPROVAL WAS GIVEN TO A
CONSIDERABLE REDUCTION IN THE SO-CALLED APEX RATE.

QUOTE: THIS DOES NOT DETRACT FROM THE FACT TQT FARE PRO-
POSALS WHICH DO NOT APPEAR TO FFER THE CONSUMER PERMANENT
ADVANTAGES AND WHICH COULD EVEN LEAD TO THE DISAPPEARANCE OF
OTYR, CHEAP POSSIBILITIES, LIKE CHARTER FLIGHTS, SHOULD BE
CONSIDERED CRITICALLY. THE STATE SECRETARY HAS DECIDED
THEREFORE ON FUGHER CONYULTATIONS WITH THE AIRLINE COMPANIES
CONCERNED IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO ARRIVE AT ACCEPTABLE FARES.
THE REDUCTION OF THE CURRENT MINIMUM KRES FOR CHARTER FLIGHTS
WILL ALSO BE RAISED IN THAT CONTEXT. UNQUOTE.
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